

Storage Technology Advancement Act of 2007; and H.R. 3775, Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act of 2007.

RAILROAD-OWNED SOLID WASTE FACILITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Railroad-Owned Solid Waste Transload Facilities. Testimony was heard from Senator Lautenberg; Representatives Pallone, Patrick J. Murphy of Pennsylvania; and Murphy of Connecticut; the following officials of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation: Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman; W. Douglas Buttrey, Vice Chairman; and Francis P. Mulvey, Commissioner; Gregory Schmidt, Mayor, Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; Joseph DiGirolamo, Mayor, Township of Bensalem, Pennsylvania; Kathy Chasey, Mayor, Mullica Township, New Jersey; Brian X. Foley, Town Supervisor, Brookhaven, New York; Wolfgang Skacel, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

RAW SEWAGE OVERFLOW AWARENESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on The Raw Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Robert Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Environment, Maryland; and public witnesses.

DISABILITY CLAIMS RATINGS AND BENEFITS WITHIN VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing on Disability Claims Ratings and Benefits Disparities within the Veterans' Benefits Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Jon A. Wooditch, Deputy Inspector General; and Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits; and representatives of veterans organizations.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN BIDS AUDITS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight held a joint hearing on Medicare Advantage: Required Audits of Limited Value. Testimony was heard from Jeffery Steinhoff, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assistance, GAO; Timothy B. Hill, Chief Financial Officer, Centers for Medicare and

Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—AMERITHAX

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Amerithax. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

CIA ACTIVITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on CIA Activity. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1354)

S. 474, to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D. Signed on October 16, 2007. (Public Law 110–95)

S. 1612, to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. Signed on October 16, 2007. (Public Law 110–96)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007”, an original bill entitled “Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007”, and an original bill entitled “Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007”, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine consumer wireless issues, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the digital television transition, focusing on government and industry perspectives, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health, to hold oversight hearings to examine the federal Superfund Program's activities to protect public health, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to Greece, Thomas F. Stephenson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, and Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on contractors and the work of the government, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration, focusing on the report of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors, the report of the Veterans Disability Benefit Commission, and other related reports, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Status of the DTV Transition—Part 2," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing on U.S.-Russia Economic Relationship: Implications of the Yukos Affair, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on The Impacts of Late Housing Payments on Tenants and Owners in the Project-Based Rental Assistance Program, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on the Crisis in Burma: Can the U.S. Bring about a Peaceful Resolution? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science, and Technology, hearing entitled "The Cyber Threat To Control Systems: Stronger Regulations Are Necessary To Secure the Electric Grid," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, oversight hearing on the Capitol Visitor Center: the Visitor Experience, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Sex Crimes and the Internet, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Disappearing Polar Bears and Permafrost: Is a Global Warming Tipping Point Embedded in the Ice? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Women in Academic Science and Engineering, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Small Business Energy Priorities," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on NextGen: The FAA's Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (AD-B) Contract, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Mariner Education and Work Force, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on the Long-Term Costs of the Current Conflicts, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures and the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, joint hearing on the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.